The Graduate Diploma in Accounting at Western University

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DAN Management edge

The Graduate Diploma in Accounting is an incredible opportunity to fast track to your career as a Chartered Professional Accountant. The three-month intensive program offered by the DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies, leverages the academic reputation of one of Canada’s top universities, with the industry expertise of our outstanding faculty.

The world is evolving faster than ever before. These changes have created the need for Canadian CPAs who have the skill set to successfully navigate this new landscape. If you have completed your undergraduate degree (or are close to it) and a CPA designation is your professional goal, the DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies Graduate Diploma in Accounting (GDip) at Western University is a fantastic way to kick-start your career.

As a student of our Graduate Diploma in Accounting you will have the opportunity to complete the first four modules of the CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP) in a university setting before commencing full-time employment. The advantage is you avoid the stress of studying and working at the same time. You will also benefit from face-to-face interactions with faculty, technical learning, and ongoing feedback on your case writing skills from experienced markers - critical for success on the Common Final Exam (CFE).

Our program provides graduates with strong technical knowledge and solid case writing skills across all areas needed for success on the CFE. The technical competencies of all four electives in the CPA PEP program (Assurance, Taxation, Performance Management, and Corporate Finance) along with Financial Reporting are covered in the curriculum. The program concludes with a course we designed specifically to allow students to integrate their technical knowledge within multi-subject cases, writing these in real time in order to simulate the challenges they will experience with the CFE.

As a graduate of our program you will be advantageously positioned for success on the CFE and for your future career as a CPA.

Stacey Hann, CPA, CA
Director, Graduate Diploma in Accounting
Western University
You’ll be studying at one of Canada’s most storied universities, world renowned for our contributions to the arts, sciences and professional fields like medicine, engineering, law and business. As a student for these three intense months, you will be a member of the Western community, enjoying one of Canada’s most picturesque campuses.

The roots of the DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies at Western go back several decades and now boasts one of the largest cohorts of students from a variety of universities across Canada pursuing an accounting career. The program is well-known and highly valued among the top accounting firms in the country.

London
Located two hours away from Toronto in the heart of Southwestern Ontario, London is one of the nation’s truly iconic university towns.

The city features shopping, restaurants, entertainment and a multitude of things to do over the spring/summer term when you will be here.

DAN Management team

Industry + Faculty
The GDip is delivered by faculty who are a blend of designated CPA’s and renowned scholars. The team brings a wealth of experience in both public practice and industry, as well as close relationships with CPA Ontario and the business community.

The accounting profession – including the world’s big four accounting firms – are actively involved in the GDip experience at Western. Industry professionals provide mentorship to students in the program, as well as participate as judges at the end of the term for a mock Capstone 1 case competition.
The DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies GDip attracts students from Western University as well as from other undergraduate accounting programs across the country. Our mission is to prepare our graduates with the tools they will need for their career as a CPA - strong technical skills, team work, leadership and most importantly the professional judgement to shape them to become the industry leaders of the future.

The case writing approach used in the GDip allowed me to develop a deep understanding of complex issues and apply my knowledge in real-life contexts. This method of learning was very effective for my future career as a CPA.

Adrienna Lesperance, GDip 2019
Staff Accountant, MNP

The small class size in the GDip provided me with the opportunity to create professional connections and long-lasting friendships with my peers and future CPA colleagues, as well as face-to-face interaction with highly regarded faculty who were approachable and supportive during the program.

Kenneth Chow, GDip 2018
Staff Accountant, Deloitte

After completing my undergraduate degree, I took the next three months to complete the GDip before starting my professional career. This allowed me to focus entirely on my new job without the distraction and added stress of studying for the CPA PEP modules concurrently. The GDip allowed me to fast-track to the CFE a year earlier while the technical knowledge and case writing skills were fresh.

Bethany Janzen, GDip 2018
Staff Accountant, PWC

The thirteen week intensive summer program covers four modules of the CPA Professional Education Program, giving you a head start on your path to the CPA designation.

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The DAN Management GDip

Students take the following courses which satisfy Core 1, Core 2 and the two elective modules of the CPA PEP:

- Advanced Financial and Corporate Reporting
- Performance Management
- Advanced Taxation
- Integrated Approaches to the Competencies
The Graduate Diploma in Accounting is designed to prepare undergraduates for entrance into CPA Canada's Professional Education Program (PEP) at an advanced level and the ultimate completion of the non-work experience requirements of the CPA designation.

The diploma is offered by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies through the DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies in the Faculty of Social Science (DAN).

The DAN GDip runs from the beginning of May to the end of July.

**Admission Requirements**

The DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies will consider applicants that have achieved a minimum 72% average across the third and fourth year required CPA courses, a minimum grade in each individual CPA required course of 60%, and who meet the admission requirements as indicated on our site:

http://dan.uwo.ca/graduate/future_students/admission_requirements.html

The DAN Program also requires a 250-word Statement of Interest and current Resumé.

**Application Deadline**

January 31 - Acceptance notification by March 30

**Fee Structure**

Domestic Students $9,326*

International Students $16,534*

*Please note that all fees are set annually and are subject to change. Costs do not include university incidental fees or compulsory ancillary fees.

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